

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS:

Senate confirmed the nomination of Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus, USA, to be General and Commander, Multi-National Forces—Iraq.

Senate

Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages*S1207–S1254

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 403–415. **Page S1236–37**

Measures Passed:

National Stalking Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 24, designating January 2007 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”. **Pages S1244–45**

Honoring Wesley Autrey: Senate agreed to S. Res. 21, recognizing the uncommon valor of Wesley Autrey of New York, New York. **Page S1245**

Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 29, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the many lessons still to be learned from Dr. King’s example of nonviolence, courage, compassion, dignity, and public service. **Pages S1245–46**

Fair Minimum Wage: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1212–32**

Pending:

Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1212**

McConnell (for Gregg) Amendment No. 101 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide Congress a second look at wasteful spending by establishing enhanced rescission authority under fast-track procedures. **Page S1212**

Kyl Amendment No. 115 (to Amendment No. 100), to extend through December 31, 2008, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements. **Page S1212**

Enzi (for Ensign/Inhofe) Amendment No. 152 (to Amendment No. 100), to reduce document fraud, prevent identity theft, and preserve the integrity of the Social Security system. **Page S1212**

Enzi (for Ensign) Amendment No. 153 (to Amendment No. 100), to preserve and protect Social Security benefits of American workers, including those making minimum wage, and to help ensure greater Congressional oversight of the Social Security system by requiring that both Houses of Congress approve a totalization agreement before the agreement, giving foreign workers Social Security benefits, can go into effect. **Page S1212**

Vitter/Voinovich Amendment No. 110 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend title 44 of the United States Code, to provide for the suspension of fines under certain circumstances for first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns. **Page S1212**

DeMint Amendment No. 155 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for cooperative governing of individual health insurance coverage offered in interstate commerce, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements and the use of health savings accounts for the payment of health insurance premiums for high deductible health plans purchased in the individual market. **Pages S1212–13**

DeMint Amendment No. 156 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 regarding the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements. **Page S1213**

DeMint Amendment No. 157 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 100), to

increase the Federal minimum wage by an amount that is based on applicable State minimum wages.

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DeMint Amendment No. 159 (to Amendment No. 100), to protect individuals from having their money involuntarily collected and used for lobbying by a labor organization.

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DeMint Amendment No. 160 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain small businesses to defer payment of tax.

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DeMint Amendment No. 161 (to Amendment No. 100), to prohibit the use of flexible schedules by Federal employees unless such flexible schedule benefits are made available to private sector employees not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007.

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DeMint Amendment No. 162 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 regarding the minimum wage.

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Kennedy (for Kerry) Amendment No. 128 (to Amendment No. 100), to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns.

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Martinez Amendment No. 105 (to Amendment No. 100), to clarify the house parent exemption to certain wage and hour requirements.

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Sanders Amendment No. 201 (to Amendment No. 100), to express the sense of the Senate concerning poverty.

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Gregg Amendment No. 203 (to Amendment No. 100), to enable employees to use employee option time.

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Burr Amendment No. 195 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for an exemption to a minimum wage increase for certain employers who contribute to their employees health benefit expenses.

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Chambliss Amendment No. 118 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide minimum wage rates for agricultural workers.

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Kennedy (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 167 (to Amendment No. 118), to improve agricultural job opportunities, benefits, and security for aliens in the United States.

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Enzi (for Allard) Amendment No. 169 (to Amendment No. 100), to prevent identity theft by allowing the sharing of social security data among government agencies for immigration enforcement purposes.

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Enzi (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 135 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Federal unemployment surtax.

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Enzi (for Cornyn) Amendment No. 138 (to Amendment No. 100), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

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Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 209 (to Amendment No. 100), to extend through December 31, 2012, the increased expensing for small businesses.

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Division I of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit.

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Division II of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit.

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Division III of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit.

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Division IV of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit.

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Division V of Sessions (for Kyl) Amendment No. 210 (to Amendment No. 100), to provide for the permanent extension of increasing expensing for small businesses, the depreciation treatment of leasehold, restaurant, and retail space improvements, and the work opportunity tax credit.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, January 30, 2007.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Members have until 3 p.m., Monday, January 29, 2007, to file any first-degree amendments.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2007 and that the time until 5 p.m. be for debate only. **Page S1247**

Iraq Resolution—Cloture Motion Filed: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 2, expressing the bipartisan resolution on Iraq. **Pages S1232–33**

A motion was entered to close further debate on motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, January 30, 2007. **Pages S1232–33**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S1233**

Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 172, to prohibit Federal funding for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. **Page S1236**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 81 yeas (Vote No. EX. 33), Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus U.S. Army. **Pages S1208–12, S1254**

- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S1246–47, S1254**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S1237–38**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1238–44**

Additional Statements: **Page S1236**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S1244**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1244**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1244**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–33) **Page S1212**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 2:30 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, January 29, 2007.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ANTI-SATELLITE TESTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding recent Chinese anti-satellite testing, from Ronald M. Sega, Under Secretary of the Air Force; Robert G. Joseph, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security; Mary Margaret Graham, Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Collection; Brian R. Green, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategic Capabilities; and General James E. Cartwright, Commander, United States Strategic Command.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 41.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 29 through February 3, 2007

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 3:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2, Fair Minimum Wage.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2, Fair Minimum Wage, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Baucus) Amendment No. 100 and a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. Also, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 2, Iraq Resolution.